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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AND
SURVEYOR & SANITARY INSPECTOR
for the Year 1958

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THE
HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON

FROM
1630 TO 1830

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ALDERMAN E. W. TANDY, J.P.

Chairman Public Health Committee:

COUNCILLOR F. YATES

To the Chairman and Members of the Ashby Would's
Urban District Council:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen

I beg to present my report for the year 1958

It will be noticed that there is a change in the presentation of the Vital Statistics. This is in accordance with the wishes of the Ministry so that comparisons can be made.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population has again decreased, from 3360 in 1957 to 3330 in 1958.

The birth rate (14.7) is higher than last year (11.0), and lower than that for England and Wales (16.4).

The death rate (11.0) is lower than last year (12.4) and lower than that for England and Wales (11.7).

Both the still birth rate (19.2), and death rate of infants under one year of age (0) are much lower than last year and much lower than that for England and Wales (21.6 and 22.5) respectively.

Again as for many years past the chief causes of death were in diseases associated with elderly people.

There was one death from pneumonia.

There has been further damage to Council water mains in the Spring Cottage and Reservoir Hill area, and slight damage to Council Houses in the Sweethill area, due to mining subsidence.

The standards of the sewage works and effluent have been maintained at Stone Row and Albert Village. The remedial measures at Spring Cottage and the completion of the pumping station and remedial measures at the Crescent has alleviated a danger to health which had been in existence for about five years, but the additional amount of sewage being pumped to the Donisthorpe Lane works has caused overloading of works. Means are to be taken to overcome this difficulty by extending the works.

Ten traditional houses were erected at Blackfordby Lane by the Council during the year, as a commencement to their Slum Clearance Programme. Altogether eleven families were re-housed, a total of 34 persons. This involved a total of sixteen houses of which eleven are being demolished and five being used under the Act for purposes other than housing.

Three houses have been erected by private enterprise and two are under construction at the end of the year.

The general standard of hygiene in the shops and canteens in the district is very satisfactory.

The number of applications for Council Houses is 67, and the number of applications received during the year 30.

Good progress continues to be made in the implementing of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955.

There were three cases of infectious disease, two measles and one acute poliomyelitis (paralytic) in a nine year old girl who was admitted to an Orthopaedic Hospital for further treatment from an Isolation Hospital. The carrier state in a younger sister lasted over four months.

I am pleased to report a considerable increase in the number of children receiving primary immunisation against diphtheria. This is probably due to the desire to be protected against whooping cough at the same time, and the publicity given by inoculation against poliomyelitis. I am unable to give any figures at present of persons being protected against poliomyelitis.

Two cases were added to the tuberculosis register during the year, of which one was notified for the first time.

I would like to thank the staff of the public Health Department of the County Council for their help and co-operation. I should like to thank Mr. Webb, the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, for his invaluable assistance.

Finally, I wish to thank you, Gentlemen, for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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SECTION A

General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area	2427 acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	3330
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1958	1077
Rateable Value	£36,756
Sum represented by a penny rate	£151
Comparability - Deaths	1.23
Births	.98

The chief industries of the district are: Engineering; Agriculture; Coal Mining; Earthenware and Clay Working. No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the district. The district is affected by mining subsidence, but prompt attention to the damage to mains and sewers has caused little danger to health and inconvenience to the area. The completion of remedial works at the Crescent has alleviated one serious danger to health and has resulted in 2 unoccupied Council Houses being renovated and occupied.

There are three Recreation Grounds in the Urban District with a total acreage of 12½ acres. Plans have been formulated for the improvement of Children's playing facilities at the Occupation Road Recreation Ground, Albert Village, in 1959.

Vital Statistics

(Figures in brackets for England and Wales).

Live Births	50	
Live Birth Rate	14.7	(16.4)
Still Births	1	
Still Birth Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	19.2	(21.6)
Total Births	51	
Infant Deaths	0	
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 live births	0	(22.5)
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 legitimate births	0	
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 illegitimate births	0	
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1000 related live births.	0	(16.2)
Percentage of illegitimate live births	2.0	
Maternal deaths including abortion	0	
Maternal Mortality Rate (including abortion) per 1000 total births	0	(0.43)

	Males	Females	Total
Live Births - Legitimate	25	24	49
Illegitimate	1	0	1
Total	26	24	50

	Males	Females	Total
Still Births - Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1
Total Births (Live and Still)			51

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths	17	13	30
Death Rate per 1000 of population			11.0 (11.7)

Causes of Death during 1958

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	0	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	4	9
Coronary disease, angina	3	3	6
Other heart disease	0	3	3
Other circulatory disease	1	0	1
Pneumonia	0	1	1
Bronchitis	2	0	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	0	4
Suicide	1	0	1
	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>30</u>

Death of Infants under 1 year of age:-

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0

Death Rate of infants under 1 year of age per 1000 live births: 0
Ditto England and Wales 22.5
Death of infants under 4 weeks of age:-

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0

Death Rate of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1000 live and still
births : 0
Ditto England and Wales : 16.2

Chief causes of Death during 1958

Diseases of the Heart and Circulation : 19

SECTION B

General Provisions of Health Service for the Area

Hospitals

All hospitals except a few private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. The County Homes for the aged and infirm are under the auspices of the County Council. When their residents take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Donisthorpe Lane, Moira. The Ante-Natal Clinics are held at Bridge Road, Coalville, and the Tuberculosis Clinic at Markfield Sanatorium under the Regional Hospital Board.

Ambulance Facilities

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by Ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Rawdon Colliery, Moira.

Nursing in the Home

All district Nursing and Midwifery is under the County Council.

Health Visiting

This work is provided by the County Council and is very ably carried out in the area. A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes.

Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory at Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

Examinations Performed :-

Faeces and Urine	31
Sputa	4
Miscellaneous	1
Total	<u>36</u>

Generally there is co-operation between the local Authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and Hospital Boards, and the tendency is towards closer integration.

SECTION C

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply

Water is obtained in bulk from the Swadlincote and Ashby Joint Water Board, and has been adequate during the year. The whole area and population is served; there are 1062 houses with internal mains supply and 12 houses with external stand pipe supplies. There has been no mains extensions scheme during the year. There have been 42 cases of damage to mains by Mining Subsidence during the year, water has been cut off for short periods in a number of cases in order to effect repairs.

The daily consumption averaged 220,000 gallons.

Sewage Disposal

The general standard has been maintained and reports of samples have been generally satisfactory, although the overloading of the Donisthorpe Lane Works is to be dealt with in 1959 by extension of the works.

No sewers were affected by mining subsidence during the year.

Closet Accommodation

The total number in the District on 31st December, 1958

(1) Privies 2 (2) Pail Closets 28 (3) W.C.'s 1084
Conversions: 1 privy converted to water closet.

No grant was made towards conversion.

Pail closets are emptied weekly by use of the Shelvoke and Drewry Cesspool Emptying Machine, and privies and cess-pools as necessary. Contents are taken to Sewage Works for treatment.

Public Cleansing

The whole district is covered weekly by use of a Shelvoke and Drewry Refuse Freighter. The bonus incentive scheme continues to work satisfactorily. The new tip at Haywood's Yard has been in use for just over a year and is providing satisfactory tipping facilities for refuse. Sealing down of the tip has been done by the National Coal Board with waste pit materials.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

(a)	Total number of complaints received	95
(b)	Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	41
(c)	Total number of nuisances or defects dealt with in (b)	29

Inspections made:-

Number of inspections

Animal Keeping	31
Bakehouses	14
Dairies	Nil
Drainage Works	94
Dwelling Houses	733
Infectious Diseases (Enquiries)	15
Food Poisoning (Enquiries)	Nil
Food Premises	19
Offensive Trade	Nil
Refuse Collection and Disposal	12
Rodent Control	14
Schools	3
Shops	25
Slaughter Houses and Meat Inspection	173
Smoke Control	7
Tents, Vans and Sheds	5
Verminous and Dirty Premises	3
Water Supplies	461
Factories and Workshops	24
Other Inspections	42

Total 1675

Notices

Preliminary:-

Housing

Public Health

Outstanding at 1st January 1958	2	0
Issued during year	6	4
Completed during year	8	4
Outstanding at 31st December	0	0

Statutory:-

Housing

Public Health

Outstanding at 1st January 1958	0	0
Issued during the year	1	0
Complied with	1	0

Summary of Action

Summons issued - Nil

Shops

Particulars of action taken during the year under Provisions of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950:-

	Outstanding from Previous Year	Defects found	Defects remedied	Outstanding 31st. December
Lighting	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences	0	3	3	0
Washing Facilities	0	1	1	0
Facilities for taking meals	0	0	0	0
Temperature	0	0	0	0
Ventilation	0	0	0	0

Camping Sites

There are no registered camping sites in the Urban District but 3 licences have been issued under Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936 for moveable dwellings.

The Pet Animals Act

No action taken

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

No action taken

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The part-time Council Rodent Operator dealt with all cases of infestations reported and inspects the whole district monthly.

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public

None in district

SECTION DHousingNew Houses

Houses completed	Type	
	Pre-fabricated	Permanent
Local Authority	-	10
Private Enterprise	-	3
Houses in course of erection at 31. Dec. by local authority	-	-
Private Enterprise	-	2

Number of Post War Houses completed by :-

(a)	Local Authority	...	...	...	...	222
(b)	Private Enterprise	...	...	...	...	37

Number of applications for Council Houses at end of year: 67
 Number of applications received during year 30

Housing

The slum clearance programme has been commenced and 10 Houses are in course of erection at Blackfordby Lane, to provide accommodation for persons displaced from unfit houses.

Housing Summary

(a)	Total number of houses occupied in district	1,077
(b)	Total number of Council houses occupied in district	353
	Number unoccupied due to mining subsidence	1
		<hr/> 354

Housing Act, 1949

Number of applications for reconditioning grants

Nil

SECTION E

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered

(a)	Manufacture and Retail	Nil
(b)	Manufacture only	Nil
(c)	Retail only	9

No samples taken during the year

Milk Supply

Dairies and Distributors :-

	No. on Register	No. of Inspections
Dairies	Nil	Nil
Distributors	6	6

Biological Milk Samples : Nil

Bacteriological Milk Sampling : None

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949

Particulars of licences issued:-

(a)	Dealers Licences	Nil
(b)	Supplementary Licences	5

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Milk Regulations, 1949

Particulars of licences issued:-

	Pasteurised	Sterilised
(a)	Dealers Licences	Nil
(b)	Supplementary Licences	4

Meat and Other Foods

Number of Slaughter houses in area	3
Number of animals slaughtered in area	470
Number of animals examined therein	470
Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	468
Number of knacker yards in area	Nil

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	89	-	3	282	96	-
Number inspected	89	-	3	282	96	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	10	-	-	16	8	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	11.3%	-	-	5.7%	8.3%	-
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	2	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	2.3%	-	-	-	2%	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Meat Stalls

Number of inspections - 5

Meat Shops, Stores etc.,

Number of inspections - 23

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale:-

Number of inspections - 28

Food Hygiene Regulations 1955

The standard of hygiene in certain shops etc. is exceptionally good, and owners, managers and staff are most co-operative in endeavouring to maintain a high standard of cleanliness.

(a)	Number of premises inspected	16
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	43
(c)	Number of informal notices served	3
(d)	Number of informal notices complied with	3
(e)	Number of informal notices outstanding on 31. Dec.	Nil
(f)	Number of formal notices served	Nil
(g)	Number of formal notices complied with	Nil
(h)	Number of formal notices outstanding on 31. Dec.	Nil

SECTION F

Prevalence and Control over Infectious Disease Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1958

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Final numbers</u> <u>after correction</u>	<u>Cases admitted</u> <u>to hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Measles	2	0	0
Pneumonia	1	1	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0
	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

Analysis under Age Groups according to Registrar General's Return 118d

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Measles</u>	<u>Acute Poliomyelitis</u>
Under 1	0	0
1 - 2	0	0
4 - 5	1	0
5 - 9	1	1
10 - 14	0	0
15 - 24	0	0
25 and over	0	0
Age unknown	0	0
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

One case of paralytic poliomyelitis occurred in a girl aged 9 who had not been immunised. From the Isolation hospital she was sent to an Orthopaedic hospital for treatment. Investigation of contacts was carried out and involved investigations by other authorities. A younger sister was found to be a carrier of the virus, and it was some four months before she was negative. Mr. Weeb, the Public Health Inspector, was most helpful in these investigations.

Immunisation against Diphtheria

Number of children who were immunised during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1958

Age at 31.12.58

i.e. born in year

	under	1 yr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947
Primary													
Immunisation	10	22	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Booster													
Injections	0	0	0	0	11	24	0	0	0	1	1	2	

Total : Primary Immunisation 38. Booster Injections 45

Statement of Particulars appearing in the Tuberculosis Register
for the year ending 31st December, 1958

	Males		Females		Total
	Pul.	Non-Pul.	Pul.	Non-Pul.	
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year	4	2	7	1	14
Number of cases notified for the first time during the year	1	0	0	0	1
Number of cases added to Register other than by formal notification	0	0	0	0	0
Number of cases restored to Register	0	1	0	0	1
Number of cases removed from the Register during the year	0	1	1	1	3
Number of cases remaining on the Register at the end of the year	5	2	6	0	13

Causes of Removal

	Males		Females		Total
	Pul.	Non-Pul.	Pul.	Non-Pul.	
Cured	0	0	0	1	1
Died	0	0	1	0	1
Left Area	0	1	0	0	1
	0	1	1	1	3

There is free co-operation between local authority and the Chest Physician, and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, re-housing or in employment.

A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily and general practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.

Factories Act, 1937 and 1948

Resume of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1958, which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

	No. on Register	Inspection	Written Notices
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	14	23	0
Total	<u>14</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>0</u>

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found	
	Found	Remedied
Want of Cleanness (S.1)	4	4
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3
Other offences	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	7	7

PART V111 OF THE ACT

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

Section 110 :-

Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 110(1) (c) (3)
Lace, Lace Curtains and Nets	2
Wearing Apparel	1
Umbrella Manufacturing	2
Textile Weaving	<u>1</u>
Total	6



